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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide for four-year terms for Representatives and to limit the number of consecutive terms Senators and Representatives may serve.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. Goss introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide for four-year terms for Representatives and to limit the number of consecutive terms Senators and Representatives may serve.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*
3 *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein),* That the fol-
4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-
5 stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
6 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
7 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several

1 States within seven years after the date of its submission
2 for ratification:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “SECTION 1. The term of office of Representatives
5 in Congress shall be four years, and the election of Rep-
6 resentatives shall be held on the same day as the election
7 of the President. Representatives shall be limited to three
8 consecutive terms in office, and, after such terms, shall
9 be eligible for subsequent election after an absence from
10 the House of Representatives of four consecutive years.

11 “SECTION 2. Senators shall be limited to two con-
12 secutive terms in office, and, after such terms, shall be
13 eligible for subsequent election after an absence from the
14 Senate of four consecutive years.

15 “SECTION 3. For purposes of this article, Represent-
16 atives who have served two years of a term, and Senators
17 who have served three years of a term, are deemed to have
18 served a full term.

19 “SECTION 4. This article shall apply to terms of of-
20 fice of Senators and Representatives beginning after the
21 date of ratification of this article.”.

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